

### REMARKS

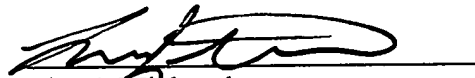
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments set forth above prior to examining the above-referenced application.

Applicants amend the specification to correct a typographical error. Specifically, the application incorrectly claims priority to Serial No. 09/966,756, rather than Serial No. 09/966,765. Applicants therefore replace numeral 09/966,756 with numeral 09/966,765. No new matter is added by this amendment.

The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [09/966,756] 09/966,765, filed September 28, 2001, entitled "SURGICAL TREATMENT FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION USING RADIOFREQUENCY TECHNOLOGY," and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/966,813, filed September 28, 2001, entitled "TRANSMURAL ABLATION TOOL AND METHOD."

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